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How high can our fish fly?



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NEWSLETTER | TERM 2, WEEK 6

JUNE 6TH, 2019

The staff and students said a fond farewell to Mrs Cameron at the whole school assembly on Friday 24 May

THANK
YOU



A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

To our hard-working SSO team

Recently, we have been focusing on showing gratitude for our SSOs, whose support we are so thankful for each and every day.

The team consists of 21 highly dedicated and passionate staff, all with varied roles. Some have been with us for 30 years and some just 4 weeks, but without them our school would not run as smoothly as it does.

Parents and caregivers, we encourage you to speak to an SSO about their day and their work. Their commitment and enthusiasm for what they do is obvious and you'll be surprised at how much they can fit into just ONE day.

The leadership team would like

to thank all 21 of you for all that you do for our students and the school. Please thank them, too, when you see them next.

What SSOs mean to us...

Super Supportive Officer
Hunter Yr3

Super Awesome Superhero
Brodie Yr5

Making kids be better
Sean Yr2

School secret
Jed Yr3

They help in tricky situations
Mia Yr7

They are trustworthy
Poppy Yr7

Key Dates

Eye Check
Reception to Yr 1
Friday 7 June

Toy Story 4 Movie Night
Friday 20 June

Parent Quiz Night
29 June

Positive Parent Workshop
Sessions will be held in
Por: La Pulgi room
Friday 2, 9, 15 August

ORAL LANGUAGE

On Friday 31st of May all staff attended a workshop on the importance of Oral Language with Dr Deslea Konza, a leading researcher and author on literacy and reading improvement.

While teachers play a vital role in improving students vocabulary and speaking at school, this is a combined effort from all of the people in a child's life. Children only improve their speaking when they have oral language modelled by better speakers. All children need to acquire good Australian English to be successful in school. This underpins their understanding of spoken instructions and supports reading development. Our children need to hear us speaking and asking them questions to develop their own language. Asking children to talk through their learning and listening is a vital part of language development.

For example, when making things at home like a cubby in the lounge room, ask: Why have you used the blanket like that? Then encourage role play such as making a snack and talking through the activities.

Providing children with the language to talk through difficulties is also valuable part of learning.

Self-talk is a useful mediation strategy for when children become angry. Children who cannot manage their anger well are more often those who are less articulate: they resort to a physical response.

Developing their oral language strategies increases the chances that they have words to resolve the issue verbally and may be able to use positive self-talk to talk themselves down from anger, e.g., 'I need to take 3 deep breaths... I can handle this and walk away'

The amount of oral language a child hears between 0 and 6 is critical to their success in school.

In the past, this varied greatly. Around 30 million words less over the 6 years, from low-income household to high-income households.

Recently this gap has closed, and not for the better. The cause has been digital devices. Children in all houses are much more likely to be looking at an iPhone or digital device rather than having a conversation with their parents. Look around the restaurant or park next time you are out.

We all need to change our behaviours for the benefit of our children. Conversations using correct English is vital. Some easy ways to do this are playing games such as Eye spy in the car, singing songs, reading books out loud (taking turns), cooking together or making things outside.

Most importantly, talk and listen to your children as often as you can and spread the word to other family members about the importance of oral language.





cows create careers

Misty Brae Dairy Visit

On Thursday 23rd May the Year 7's visited Misty Brae Dairy as part of the Cow's Create Careers program. The students had the opportunity to learn how Misty Brae Dairy runs from the owners Gino and Mandy Pacitti.



Gino shared his vast knowledge of the Dairy Industry and the students were offered some tasty dairy products from Fleurieu Milk Company for recess.

Gino showed the students the electric milking equipment and the students were able to attach the teat cups to the cows. Gino also demonstrated how to let grain into each pen, so the cows are rewarded for being milked.



Mandy accompanied the students to the nursery across the road. The students were able to see how the calves progress through each paddock until they are older enough to return to the dairy for insemination and the process begins again.

It was a terrific day and a big thank you to Gino and Mandy for opening their dairy for our visit. We really appreciate it.

Remember to have a look at what products you could buy to support our local dairy industry.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



Alpacas with Maracas

On Monday 27th May at 9:15 am sharp, Port Elliot students all stopped to take part in National Simultaneous Storytime.

Throughout the school, teachers read 'Alpacas with Maracas' at the same time. This is an initiative to try and reach 1 million students reading the same book at the same time!

Mr Taylor's class came into the library and as you can see the students loved the book, showcasing their own maracas talents!



MOVIE NIGHT TOY STORY 4



VICTA CINEMAS, VICTOR HARBOR
THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 6.00PM
\$15.00PP

THERE WILL BE A DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE
ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT CHAPLAINCY
IN OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT JJ'S BAG BOUTIQUE OCEAN ST VH,
GOOLWA PRIMARY SCHOOL AND VICTA CINEMAS.
OPEN DOOR - GOOLWA UNITING CHURCH AND VH CHURCH OF CHRIST.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ROXANNE ON 0409 698 937

Thursday 20th June at 6 pm

Come and enjoy a fun family night out at the Toy Story 4 Fundraiser! All proceeds go towards supporting Chaplaincy in our local public schools. Tickets are \$15pp an available from Victa Cinema, JJ's Bag Boutique, VH Church of Christ, Goolwa Primary School & Goolwa Uniting Church. There will also be a door prize and raffle. We hope to see you there!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Student Leadership/ Kindergarten Transition

The Year 6/7 students were offered the opportunity to run, with Trina's and Kate's support, small PE skills sessions for our neighbouring Kindergarten students, twice a term, in Terms 2 and 3.

Lots of students volunteered to plan and run this program, which was great to see. The first sessions were held on Wednesday 22nd May and Thursday 23rd May 9 am to 9:30 am.

Congratulations to the students who ran this program. They were all very organised and treated the younger students with respect and understanding. They all did a fantastic job. The kindergarten students had a great time and learnt so much from them.

Well done to all involved. We are looking forward to the sessions in Week 8 and again in Term 3.



Flying Fish Awards

Congratulations to Eve P, Hayden B, Karly W, Kane T, Bryley B, Magdalena D, Ryder G, Jade P, Ryan P, Ruby B, Charlie S, Rhys A, Polly N, Nate S, Noah W, Willow S, Jaeda P, Ruben C, Finn G, Conner B, Angus A, Kate W, Emily W, Dakota H, Alexis W, Jordan M, Charlize M, Lola I, Kala M, Ty H, Arlee T, Brian L, Eden M, Isabel O'B, Conor O'B, Johnathon F, Mason D, Tobias B, Teddy B and River T. Congratulations to all students!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

Interested in helping out in your child's classroom, on class excursions or at sporting events? Parent and carer support is always welcomed, but certain documentation is needed first.

To become a volunteer at the school, you will need to complete the RAN_EC.

If you are viewing this newsletter online, simply click the link below to get started.

<https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf>



PE & SAPSASA NEWS

Congratulations to Poppy S who competed in the SA School Surfing competition and came 1st overall for the event!

In this event, High Schools compete from all over the State in U16 and open age categories. Poppy is eligible to enter, as many other schools start high school in Year 7.

She trains every Monday with Adam Foot (VHHS) and the school team at various surf spots on the South Coast (Parsons, Waitpinga, Middleton Point).

In previous year's overall winners gained a spot on the State Surfing Team and competed at the Australian Junior Surfing Titles. Unfortunately, this year there may not be a SA team entered in this event. Well done Poppy.

We wish you all the best with your future surfing competitions.



School Surf Champ

SANTOS Athletics Day



Josh, Jackson and Mecki represented our District at the State event held at Santos Stadium on Monday May 20th. Jackson and Josh won Gold in the 100m relay and Josh won bronze in the 200m. Mecki did not get a place in her event but she enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to all 3 athletes. You did our school very proud, indeed.

SAPSASA NETBALL AND FOOTBALL CARNIVAL - Cancelled

The boys football carnival at Encounter Bay and the girls netball carnival at Victor Harbor High School, scheduled for Wednesday 29th May 2019, unfortunately was cancelled due to forecast weather. We are still awaiting further information whether it will be postponed to another date. Once we have more information we will inform players and families.

Got Any Local Sporting Success Stories?

If you have any local success stories involving our students, please let us know so they can get a special mention in this newsletter.



positive PARENTING



Take the stress out of parenting

A series of 3 free engaging and informative workshops
for parents with children aged 3 to 12 years

Workshop 1. The Power of Positive Parenting 1pm – 3pm, Friday 2 August 2019

Ensuring a safe engaging environment - Creating a positive, learning environment - Using assertive discipline - Having reasonable expectations - Looking after yourself as a parent

Workshop 2. Raising Confident and Competent Children 1pm – 3pm, Friday 9 August 2019

Showing respect to others - Being considerate - Having healthy self-esteem - Having good communication and social skills - Being a good problem solver - Becoming independent

Workshop 3. Raising Resilient Children 1pm – 3pm, Friday 16 August 2019

Recognising and accepting feelings - Building a positive outlook - Developing coping skills - Expressing feelings appropriately - Managing negative feelings - Managing stressful life events

Light refreshments and crèche provided

Where: Port Elliot Primary School
4 Cameron Street, Port Elliot

To book: Contact Reception on phone 8554 3399

Everyone is welcome, however *bookings are essential*

*** Please arrive 10 minutes earlier for registrations ***

Delivered by the Department for Education's Parenting and Family Support Team

If you can't make these times, www.triplep-parenting.net.au/sa lists all our upcoming workshops



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Bringing Up Great Kids

4 WEEK PARENTING PROGRAM

Building positive respectful relationships with your child

- Understand your own parenting styles and where they came from
- Learn how to talk and listen to your child
- Discover how to overcome some of the obstacles getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be
- Learn about the importance of building self-esteem in children
- Looking after yourself

WHEN: Wed Evenings starting 29th May, then 5th, 12th & 19th June

TIME: 6.30pm - 9pm

WHERE: Port Elliot Kindergarten, Wright Street, PORT ELLIOT

BOOKINGS: ph: 8551 0553 or text 0439 824 812

CRECHE: Bookings essential